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NEWCOMER FAMILY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Spelled: Neu (You) kommer, Neu (you) Komer, and later in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, records it was Peter New Komats in Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Two (1732) and Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Three(1733). According to information furnished by Waldo Newcomer, National Exchange Bank Building, Baltimore, Maryland, and a bank President there, on April Thirteenth, Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (April 13th, 1916), and also information furnished by Warren S. Ely, Historian and Librarian of Bucks County Historical Society, Bucks County, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, in January, Nineteen Hundred Ten (1910), from records there and in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, - the original spelling was Neu (you) kommer, with sometimes one (1) "m", and with a mark over it, following the German style, to show the "m" is to be doubled. Peter Neu (you) kommer, who in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Two (1732) gave the spelling of his name as Peter New Komats, lived in Switzerland, probably on the west side of the Alps; married there, and had a son, Wolfgang, and these three arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, about Seventeen Hundred Twenty (1720). More of their children may have accompanied the parents to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, about that date. Waldo Newcomer wrote: As to his source of his information regarding the arrival of the family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from Switzerland about Seventeen Hundred Twenty (1720), he based his statements on some biographies of his father, B. F. Newcomer of Baltimore, Maryland, that were printed there years before. One biography gave the list of citizens of Baltimore, and another one giving the list of prominent men in Maryland, and it was from such official records of this sort that Waldo Newcomer secured what he wrote, taken from his father's history. Waldo Newcomer, also in his letters, gave following information from his family records: Woolfgang and his parents lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and they all moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, later, probably in Leacock Township. Woolfgang married Elizabeth Weller, and they had five (5) daughters and three (3) sons, - Henry, Christian and Peter, all probably born at their homestead in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Christian became a Bishop in the United Brethren Church, and a copy in book form of his interesting travels and life is filed in Genealogical Department of The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. His brother Henry was the father of thirteen (13) children. Two of those children were Samuel and Henry. This Samuel was the father of Catharine, and Henry was the father of John, and these two (2) first cousins, Catharine and John, married and they became the parents of B. F. Newcomer, the father of the above Waldo Newcomer. According to these statements by Waldo Newcomer, the date of arrival in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, about Seventeen Hundred Twenty (1720), from Switzerland of Peter Neu Comat, his wife, son Woolfgang, and maybe other children, is logically correct. Peter, who was a brother of Woolfgang, dictated his Will in Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Two (1732), and it was probated in Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Three (1733), in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. See enclosed data by Warren S. Ely. The Land of his homestead was purchased in Seventeen Hundred Twenty-Nine (1729).

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The Will of the above Peter New Komats, as he then spelled his name, is recorded in Lancaster City, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and its copy is:

January Twenty-Ninth, Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Two (January 29th, 1732), Lancaster County, in the Township of Leacock. Peter Newcomats Last Will and Testament, which he hath ordered before witnesses, viz. Hance Muselman and Simeon King, This is mine (Peter Newcomats) last Will and Testament to my children:

1. It is my will that my Midle son Woolfgang Newcomat shall have the right of the place plantation and lands made over to him by me, haveing so much confidence of the goodness of my aforesd son Woolfgang that I am certain he will help raise his younger Brothers and Sisters;

2. Peter Newcomat will as followeth viz: That the plantation should be praised and valued by the Elders of the Meeting of ye Manonest;

3. I Peter Newcomat will again viz: That what effects is found in my dwelling house or plantation or Else where I gives it Equally amongst my Children, share and share alike;

4. I Peter Newcomat will also again, That when the aforesaid Effects is equally divided amongst my aforesaid Children, it shall be at the Judgment of the Elders of Manonest Meeting of the equally and reasonableness of the shareing of it, and likewise a reasonable time of receiving it or the value thereof in our currency as the aforesd Elders shall see meet.

When the aforesaid will was made he was of sound mind memory and understanding before us as Witnesses.

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Hance H. M. Musleman
mark
Simeon King

Vera copy from the Dutch.

On the third day of February, Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Three (1733), the above will was probated in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania as written in "High Dutch".

The following is quoted from a letter written on January Eleventh, Nineteen Hundred Ten (January 11th, 1910), by Warren S. Ely, Historian and Librarian of Bucks County Historical Society, Bucks County, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, regarding the result of his searches as to the Newcomer data recorded therein, in Lancaster County, and elsewhere:

"The Newcomer family of Lancaster County, seems to have been founded by Peter "NewKomet" or Newcomer, of Leacock township (Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), a copy of whose nuncupative will declared before Hance Musolman and Simeon King, January Twenty-Ninth, Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Two (January 29th, 1732), - probated in Lancaster County in Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Three (1733). The only child mentioned therein by name was his "midle son, Woolfgang" but in the proof his eldest son John Newkomer, is mentioned. The teastator evidently had three (3) sons, and probably other children, judging from the language of the declarations as set down by his two (2) friends or neighbors who were with him in his extremis, and took down his dying declarations, in reference to the disposition of his estate, but we have no means of ascertaining the name of his other son or children. The date of his death was but a little over five (5) years after the passage of the Act of Assembly requiring the listing and qualifying of foreigners, not subjects of the English Crown, before their leaving the vessel in which they came, (September Seventeen Hundred Twenty-Seven)(1727), so we are unable to ascertain the date of his coming, since he was a landholder and probably came to Pennsylvania several years previously to his death.

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Deed dated October Fifth, Seventeen Hundred Fifty-Nine (October 5th, 1759), recorded November Twenty-Eighth, Seventeen Hundred Fifty-Nine (November 28th, 1759), in Deed Book D, page Five Hundred Nine (509), - Abraham Newcomer, and Anna his wife, to James Bickham, property on Long Street, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, for consideration of One Hundred Thirty One (131) pounds, eighteen (18) shillings. Perhaps Abraham was selling his "town lot" with view of purchasing the Strasburg homestead. Unfortunately we do not get the name of John Newcomer's wife, nor that of his mother, the wife of Peter the testator of Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Three (1733).

The will of Joseph Goconaur of Hempfield, dated January Seventh, and probated January Twenty-Fourth, Seventeen Hundred Sixty-Four (January 24th, 1764), mentions wife Eilisabeth, sons Joseph and Henry, and "son-in-law", John Newcomer, but as our John Newcomer was then deceased, this must refer to his son John, who with Elizabeth his wife joins in the deed to his brother Abraham in Seventeen Hundred Sixty (1760). Woolfgang Newcomer, died in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania leaving will dated March Fourth (4th) and probated March, Eighteenth, Seventeen Hundred Seventy-One (March 18th, 1771), which

mentions wife Elizaboth, and children, Henry, Christian, Barbara, Peter, Elizaboth, Anna and Magdalena, the names nearly identical with those of the children of his brother John.

A John Newcomer of Warwick township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, dated March Thirtieth, Seventeen Hundred Seventy (March 30th, 1770), proved April Fourth, Seventeen Hundred Seventy (April 4th, 1770), mentions children Veronica wife of - - - Seiler; and Henry; grand children, Christian and Valentine Seiler.

Another John Newcomer of Hempfield township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, will dated October Twenty-Third, Eighteen Hundred Two (October 23rd, 1802), probated February Sixteenth, Eighteen Hundred Five (February 16th, 1805), mentions children: Elizabeth wife of Daniel Fouer; Mary Ann wife of Jacob Hoisloy; Susanna wife of Peter Reitzel, and son John who is named as Executor with John Hertzler.

A Christian Newcomer of Cocalico township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, will dated January Twenty-Eighth, Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Nine (January 28th, 1799), probated May Twenty-Eighth, Eighteen Hundred (May 28th, 1800), mentions wife Barbara, and child John; grandson John, son of John; (and the will) makes Joseph Eberly and Jacob Haughy executors.

The will of Henry Summy of Cocalico township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Seventeen Hundred Eighty-Three (1783), names his brother-in-law, Christian Newcomer, as Executor.

The will of Andrew Baer of Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, dated September first, eighteen Hundred Five (September 1st, 1805), and probated December Fifteenth, Eighteen Hundred Fifteen (December 15th, 1815), mentions children Andrew, John, and Elizabeth, wife of Christian Newcomer.

The will of Anna Newcomer of Manor Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, dated April Fourth, Eighteen Hundred Seven (April 4th,1807), probated May Twenty-Eighth, Eighteen Hundred Thirteen (May 28th, 1813), mentions children Ann, wife of David Mellinger; Christian, John, Jacob, Peter, Abraham, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Magdalena.

The will of Catharine Newcomer of Conestoga, dated Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Nine (1799), probated Eighteen Hundred (1800), names as sole legatee Catharine Keagy. This is probably the unmarried daughter of John and sister of Abraham who joins in the deed of Seventeen Hundred Sixty (1760) (see the Catharine Newcomer cited above regarding the heirs of John Newcomer).

The will of Abraham Newcomer of Conestoga township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, dated September Eighteenth, Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Three (September 18th, 1793) and probated September Twenty-Seventh, Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Four (September 27th, 1794), makes his son Christian executor, but the abstract names no legatees, and Miss Clark, for some reason failed to find this will. I would have written her again about it, had you not held me up just then.

Abraham Newcomer was executor of will of Felix Binkley of Lampeter township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Seventeen Hundred Seventy-Five (1775).

The only Newcomers in the list of German emigrants, Seventeen Hundred Twenty-Seven (1727) to Eighteen Hundred Four (1804), are "Christian Newcomer Jr." on (the ship)"Francis and Elizabeth", qualified September Twenty-First, Seventeen Hundred Forty-Two (September 21st,1742). And (also mentions) "Christian Newcomer" on the (ship) "Phoenix" qualified October First, Seventeen Hundred Fifty-Four (October 1st, 1754), (and also) with an Ulrich Newcomer on same ship.

While the John Newcomer homestead purchased by his son Abraham in Seventeen Hundred Sixty (1760), and comprising one hundred seven and three fourths (107 3/4ths) acres, was in Strasburg Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Abraham NewComer seems to have settled on a Two Hundred (200) acre plantation in the adjoining township of Conestoga township prior to the Revolutionary War. He represented this township in the Lancaster County Committee of Safety, being selected in October, Seventeen Hundred Seventy-Five (1775), and was duly reported at and attended the meeting of the Committee held November Eighth, Seventeen Hundred Seventy-Five (November 8th, 1775), with Judge William Atlee and Michael Haberstick, as his colleagues from Conestoga township, and John Long, William McIntyre and John Smiley from Drumore township. He was living on his two hundred (200) acre plantation in Conestoga township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Seventeen Hundred Eighty (1780), and died there in Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Four (1794). The fact that only his son Christian is mentioned in his will may be accounted for by his having provided for this daughters on their marriage. (His daughters, Anna and Elizabeth married the McIlhenny brothers). He (evidently John Newcomer) was executor of the will of Martin Baer, of Conestoga township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, of the will of Jacon Stover of Conestoga township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Seventeen Hundred Seventy-Nine (1779), etc. His wife's name seems to have been Anna and not Barbara as given in your chart, unless he was married twice. You ought to have a search made covering later dates and a copy of his will, to clear this matter up!" (Reference to "your chart" by Warren S. Ely, refers to a chart made by Robert Long Brownfield, Junior.) Anna Baer and her Newcomer husband, were the parents of Ammand Elizabeth Newcomer who married the above McIlhanny brothers. See the recorded McIlhenny family history)." End of Ely's letter.

The Newcomer chart as compiled by Warren S. Ely is produced from the above data, and this chart is described as follows:

Peter Newcomer of Leacock township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, dictated his nuncupative will declared before Nance Muselman and Simeon King on January Twenty-Ninth, Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Two (January 29th, 1732) at his homestead in Leacock township. The eldest son was John Newcomer; died prior to August Twenty-Fifth, Seventeen Hundred Sixty (August 25th, 1760); he conveyed land of one hundred seven and three fourths (107 3/4ths) acres, which he had purchased of Martin Kendig on May second, Seventeen Hundred Twenty-Nine (May 2nd, 1729), to his son Abraham. See deeds. Brother of John Newcomer was Woolfgang Newcomer, the "midle son"; married Elizabeth Weller; he died in Leacock township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in March Seventeen Hundred Seventy-One (March 1771). See his will. Peter Newcomer had other children. John Newcomer married _____, and they had eight (8) children as follows: Christian Newcomer married Anna Summy; Catharine Newcomer never married; John Newcomer married Elizabeth Goccnaur, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Goccnaur of Hempfield, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (Q); Woolbrick Newcomer; Abraham Newcomer, see below; Anna Newcomer married Peter Hoffman prior to Seventeen Hundred Sixty (1760); Magdalina Newcomer married Peter Bowman prior to Seventeen Hundred Sixty (1760); and the last and eighth (8th) child was Barbara Newcomer, who married Abraham Brenenman prior to Seventeen Hundred Sixty (1760). As to above Abraham Newcomer, son of John Newcomer: He lived in Strasburg Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; married Anna Baer CQ (see the recorded Baer family chart of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania). Abraham Newcomer and his wife sold land in Lancaster County in Seventeen Hundred Fifty-Nine (1759), and also conveyed land therein on October Sixteenth, Seventeen Hundred Sixty-Nine (October 16th, 1769). He died in Conestoga township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Four (1794), and his will was dated September Eighteenth, Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Three (September 18th, 1793) and probated September Twenty-Seventh, Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Four (1794) - (September 27th), and his will mentions only his son Christian.

Regarding the children of the above Woolfgang Newcomer, "midle son", who married Elizabeth Weller: There were seven (7), and the eldest was Henry, who married Barbara Garver, and they had twelve (12) children; second child was Christian Newcomer, who married Elizabeth Baer, daughter of Andrew Baer of Leacock township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, whose will was probated December Fifteenth, Eighteen Hundred Fifteen (December 15th, 1815).

The other five (5) children in their order were Barbara, Peter, Elizabeth, Anna, and Magdalena Newcomer.

Regarding Abraham Newcomer and Anna Baer: They conveyed land on October Sixteenth, Seventeen Hundred Sixty-Nine (October 16th, 1769), in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; they sold land in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (maybe in Lancaster City, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania) in Seventeen Hundred Fifty-Nine (1759); and she died in Conestoga Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Four (1794). His Will was dated September Eighteenth, Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Three (September 18th, 1793); probated September Twenty-Seventh, Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Four (September 27th, 1794); and mentions only his son Christian. He had previously provided for this two (2) daughters, Elizabeth and Anna (Nancy) upon their marriage to the McIlhenny brothers by giving each of his daughters the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00).

The children of Abraham Newcomer were: Christian, Barbara, Elizabeth, born Seventeen Hundred Eighty-Seven (1787), died in Eighteen Hundred Fifty-Two (1852), at Hagerstown, Maryland, and who married Joseph McIlhenny, - See McIlhenny Chart. Elizabeth's sister was Ann (Nancy) who was born Seventeen Hundred Eighty-Five (1785) and who married John McIlhenny, brother of Joseph McIlhenny. Both families moved to and lived in Hagerstown, Maryland, - Joseph McIlhenny became a merchant there and his brother John practiced law. End of Chart prepared by Warren S. Ely in 1910.

The following is additional data as to the Newcomer family furnished and compiled by above Waldo Newcomer in his letter written on April Twenty-Fifth, Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (April 25th, 1916), and his father was Henry Newcomer, who married Elizabeth Funk:

"Going back to Henry Newcomer, the father of John Newcomer, Henry married Elizabeth Funk, and they had nine (9) children in all, as follows: Number One (1) was Sarah, who married Henry Talley, I think they moved to Mount Morris, Illinois; Number Two (2) was John, who married Catherine, daughter of Samuel, see below. John died at Beaver Creek, Maryland, and his wife also died there; Number three (3) was Michael, who died at Beaver Creek, Maryland, he married and his daughter was Mrs. Louis P. Doub, who lives in Beaver Creek, Maryland; Number Four (4) Nancy, who married Henry Tice; Number Five (5) was Henry; Number Six (6) was Barbara, who married _____ King; Number Seven (7) was Elizabeth, who married _____ Keller, she died at Funkstown, Maryland, and their son was Samuel E. Keller, who lives at Fourteen Hundred Twenty (1420) West Lanvale Street, Baltimore, Maryland; Number Eight (8) was Mary, who married Samuel Emmert, she died at home near Funkstown, Maryland, and their descendants are numerous and scattered, and one son Frank Emmert lives in Martinsburg, West Virginia; and their last child was number nine (9) William.

John Newcomer (No. Two (2) above) married, as stated, Catherine Newcomer and their children were: Elizabeth, who married Lewis Ripple, and she died in Baltimore, Maryland, and Mrs. John N. Ripple (widow of son) and several children are now living but I do not know where; second child was Benjamin Franklin Newcomer, and he married first Amelia Louisa Ehlen - see below, and his second marriage was to Sidonia Ayres Kemp (widow of Morris Kemp). Both above Elizabeth and Benjamin Franklin died in Baltimore. Child Number three (3) was John Henry, married Ella O. Williams, and he died at Beaver Creek, Maryland, and Mrs. F. W. Newcomer (widow of son) and children live at Beaver Creek, Maryland; Fourth child was Alexander and he died not married at Beaver Creek, Maryland; fifth child was William, died at Beaver Creek, Maryland, and married Eliza Witmer, and no children; sixth child was Ellen, and she died at Beaver Creek, Maryland, not married; and seventh and last child was Mary, died at Beaver Creek, Maryland, married Charles McCauley, their son is William McCauley, who lives at Beaver Creek, Maryland.

Benjamin Franklin Newcomer (Number Two (2) above) had no children by his second wife but by the first there were seven (7), three (3) of whom died in childhood. Those who grew up were four (4) in number: Mary Louise, married James M. Maslin, have two (2) children, and live now at Thirteen Naught Six (1306) North Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland; Nannie, died in Baltimore, married Frederick Home Hack, had five (5) children and four (4) are living; third child was Hattie, lives at Boyce, Clark County, Virginia, and married Henry B. Gilpin, and have three (3) children; and Waldo, last child, who lives at One Hundred Five (105) West Monument Street, Baltimore, Maryland, and married Margaret Vanderpool and have three (3) children.

In the above, I have again for the purpose of avoiding complications stuck directly to the line leading down to myself, but if wanted can give you a record of the descendents of quite a number of the above, though not of all." This is the end of the letter written on April Twenty-Fifth, Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (April 25th, 1916) by Waldo Newcomer of Baltimore, Maryland.

The following Newcomer information was furnished by Mrs. Margaret Newcomer, who lived in Hagerstown, Maryland in the year Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (1916), in her letters dated April Eighteenth and May Fifth, Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (April 18th and May 5th, 1916): Her mother was Eliza Kansler (Kausler) and her father was Jacob Newcomer. Jacob married Elizabeth Huffer, and Jacob was the eldest child of twelve children (12) of Henry Newcomer, who married Barbara Garver. The parents of this Henry Newcomer were Woolfgang Newcomer and his wife Elizabeth Weller, who lived in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Woolfgang and Elizabeth Weller had eight (8) children, five (5) daughters and three (3) sons. Mrs. Margaret Newcomer wrote that some of her information she gives came from the diary of Christian Newcomer, who was the Bishop in the United Brethern Church. She says that diary relates that Woolfgang and parents arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that later Woolfgang moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and turned his attention to agriculture. The sons of Woolfgang were: Henry, Christian (the above Bishop), and Peter, settled in Washington County, Maryland. Mrs. Margaret Newcomer further wrote in her letters that: The earliest ancestors came from Switzerland; that Henry Newcomer married Barbara Garver and they had thirteen (13) children, who were - Samuel, Henry, Christian, Peter, Joel, Daniel, John, Joshua, Billie, Barbara, Sallie, Mary, and Nancy. She also wrote in her letters that Christian Newcomer married Elizabeth Baer, and they had four (4) children, - Andrew, David, Jacob, and Elizabeth; and that Peter Newcomer married twice, his second wife being _____ Houser, and they had twelve (12) children, who were -Annie, Elizabeth, Barbara, Mary, Johnathan, Jacob, Peter, Isaac, Daniel, Joshua and Catharine.

See additional Newcomer and McIlhenny information recorded in the Counties of: Chester, York, Lancaster, Adams and Bucks. Newcomer data appears on record in "Bureau of Historical Research", Chester County, WestChester, Pennsylvania. See recorded data in the Genealogical Department of The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. and in The Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago, Illinois. In the latter the following is recorded: John Newcomer (?) of Connellsville, Pennsylvania and Toledo, Iowa, and his son was Jesse D. Newcomer, born Connellsville, Pennsylvania, on January Eighteenth, Eighteen Hundred Forty-Five (January 18th, 1845); and John Newcomer, born Seventeen Hundred Forty-Seven (1747), died Eighteen Hundred Twenty-Four (1824), and probably came from Switzerland; He was a Mennonite and settled in Washington County, Maryland. The John Newcomer who was born in Seventeen Hundred Forty-Seven (1747) had three (3) sons: Christian Newcomer, born Seventeen Hundred Seventy-Nine (1779), died Eighteen Hundred Fifty (1850), lived in Washington County, Maryland; second son was Peter Newcomer, born Eighteen Hundred Five (1805), died Eighteen Hundred Ninety (1890), was of Medina, Ohio, and married in Eighteen Hundred Thirty-Five (1835) Mary Rohrer; and regarding his third (3rd) son, see Page Two Hundred Ninety-Four (294), Volume Four (4). Also Woolfgang Newcomer born Seventeen Hundred Forty-Nine (1749), and who married Elizabeth Weller, is mentioned. It is not known from whom or where this information to the Institute of American Genealogy was obtained, but it should be checked to see if correct, these are simply notations therefrom, and they are not connected and not explained.

There is deposited in the files of Genealogical Department of The Library of Congress in Washington, in book form, copy of his life diary, written by the above cited Bishop Christian Newcomer of the United Brethern Church. This is very interesting. It gives some family data. Mentions many relatives and where they lived; refers to his Church activities; tells of his travels to Western Pennsylvania and Ohio on horseback; and gives many details of his Church work in many of the localities he so visited. He was a very generous, sincere man, and highly respected by all.

Regarding the marriage of John McIlhenny and Elizabeth Newcomer, and also marriage of his brother Joseph and her sister, Anna (Nancy) Newcomer, both in Eighteen Hundred Eleven (1811) in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, referred to in paragraph three (3) of page five (5) herein: Recorded details are in "Ezekiel McIlhenny and Descendants" as to both their large families. Brother Joseph McIlhenny was second son of Joseph Carr and Mary Long - see above. They had five (5) children, who were: Altilia or Attilia, born about Eighteen Hundred Thirteen (1813), Sophia, Elizabeth, Mary and Christiana. The fourth child, Mary, born in Hagerstown, Maryland, about Eighteen Hundred Twenty-Two (1822), was married about Eighteen Hundred Forty-Four (1844), to Alfred Newlon of Petersburg, W.Virginia. Later they moved to and settled in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where he was a merchant. They had two (2) children, Robert-Hunter, born July Twenty-Fifth, Eighteen Hundred Forty-Three (July 25th, 1843), at Addison, Pennsylvania, and who married Anna L. Skyles, in and of Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, about Eighteen Hundred Sixty-Seven (1867). They moved to and settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was in the real estate business there, and died there about Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Two (1922). His wife died there about Nineteen Hundred Forty-Four (1944), ninety-five (95) years old. No issue. The second child, sister of Robert-Hunter, was Sophia Newlon, born March Thirtieth, Eighteen Hundred Forty-Five (March 30th, 1845), at Petersburg, West Virginia. She married Robert Long Brownfield, Senior, in and of Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, about Eighteen Hundred Sixty-Seven (1867). They moved to and settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He died in Nineteen Hundred Thirteen (1913), and buried in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. She died in Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Six (1926), in Long Beach, California, buried in Los Angeles, California. They had three (3) sons: Harold Ewing Brownfield, Robert Long Brownfield, Junior, and Rex Newlon Brownfield. Above Mary, wife of Alfred Newlon, died young and he then married her sister, Christiana McIlhenny, known as "Kissie".

See recorded "Baer Family of Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania", filed in Genealogical Department, The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

See Newcomer Family data in Libraries of Daughters of American Revolution, Thirteen Hundred Two (1302) East Capitol Street, Washington, D.C., Etc.

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All above data was assembled by Robert L. Brownfield, Junior, and brother, Rex Newlon Brownfield, in the year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-One (1951).

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DOYLESTOWN, PA. Jan. 11 1910

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Box 14, Red Bank, N.J.

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Peter Hoffman & Anna his wife; Peter Bowman, and Magdalene his wife;
Abraham Breneman and Barbara his wife; and Catharine Newcomer, surviving heirs of John Newcomer, deceased, to ABRAHAM NEWCOMER, another son of the said John Newcomer, deceased.

This would indicate that John Newcomer died intestate shortly prior to Aug 1760, probably prior to the date of the following deed;-

Deed dated October 5, 1759, recorded Nov. 23, 1759 in Deed Book D, p. 509, ABRAHAM NEWCOMER, and Anna his wife, to James Bickham, property on Long St. Lancaster, for consideration of 131 pds. 13 shillings. Perhaps Abraham was selling his "town lot" with view of purchasing the Strasburg homestead.

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Unfortunately we do not get the name of John Newcomer's wife, nor that of his mother, the wife of Peter the tostator of 1735.

The will of Joseph Geesnaur of Hempfield, dated Jan.7 and probated Jan 24,1764 mentions wife Elizabeth, sons Joseph and Henry, and "Son-in-law, John Newcomer, y t but as our John Newcomer was then deceased, this must refer to his son John, who with Elizabeth his wife joins in the deed to his brother Abraham in 1760.
Woolfgang Newcomer, died in Leacock twp. Lancaster Co. leaving will dated Mch 4, and probated Mch 18,1771, which mentions, wife Elizabeth, and children, Henry Christian, Barbara, Peter, Elizabeth, Anna and Magdalena, the names nearly identical with those of the children of his brother John.

A John Newcomer of Warwick twp. Lancaster county, dated March 30,1770, proved Apr.4, 1770, mentions children Veronica wife of - - - Seiler: and Henry: 3d ch, Christian and Valentine Seiler.

Another John Newcomer of Hempfield, twp. Lanc.Co., will dated Oct.23,1802 probated Feb.13,1805, mentions children, Elizabeth wife of Daniel Fouer: Mary Ann wife of Jacob Heisley: Susanna wife of Peter Reitzel, and son John who is named as Exr with John Hertzler.

A Christian New comer, of Cocalico twp. Lanc. Co. will dated Jan.28,1799, probated May 28,1800, mentions wife Barbara, and ch. John,: grandson John son of John; makes Joseph Eberly and Jacob Haughy Exrs.

The will of a Henry Summy of Cocalico, in 1787, names his brother-in-law, Christian Newcomer as Exr.

The will of Andrew Baer of Leacock twp. dated Sept.1,1805, and probated, Dec. 15,1815, mentions ch. Andrew, John, and Elizabeth, wife of Christian New comer.

The will of Anna Newcomer of Manor twp. Lanc. Co. dated Apr.4,1807 probated May 28,1813, mentions ch. Ann, wife of David Mellinger; Christian, John, Jacob, Peter, Abraham, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Magdalena.

The will of Catharine Newcomer of Conestoga, dated 1799 probated 1800, names as sole legatee Catharine Keagy. This is probably the unmarried daughter of John and sister of Abraham who joins in the deed of 1760.

The will of ABRAHAM NEWCOMER, of Conestoga township, Lancaster Co. dated 1794 September 18,1793, and probated Sept.27,1794, makes his son Christian Exr. but the abstract names no legatees, and Miss Clark, for some reason failed to find this will. I would have writien her again about it, had you not held me up just then.

Abraham Newcomer was exr. of will of Felix Binkley of Lampeter twp. in 1775.

The only Newcomers in the list of German emigrants, 1727-1804, are "Christian Newcomer Jr" on Francis and Elizabeth" qualified Sept.27,1742. and "Christian Newcomer", on the "Phoenix" qualified Oct.1,1754, with an Ulrich Newcomer on same ship.

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While the John Newcomer homestead purchased by his son Abraham in 1760, and comprising 107 3/4 acres, was in Strasburg township, Abraham NewComer seems to have settled on a 200 acre plantation in the adjoining township of Conestoga prior to the Revolutionary War. He represented this township, in the Lancaster County Committee of Safety, being selected in October 1775, and was duly reported at and attended the meeting of the Committee held November 3,1775, with Judge William Atlee and Michael Haberstich, as his colleagues from Conestoga township, and John Long, William McIntyre and John Smiley from Drumore.

He was living on his 200 acre plantation in Conestoga in 1790 and died there in 1794. The fact that only his son Christian is mentioned in his will may be accounted for by his having provided for his daughters on their marriage.

He was executor of the will of Martin Baer, of Conestoga; of the will of of Jacon Stover of Conestoga in 1779, etc.

His wife's name seems to have been Anna and not Barbara as given in your chart, unless he was married twice. You ought to have a search made covering later dates and a copy of his will, to clear this matter up. (F)

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April 25, 1916

Mr. R. L. Brownfield,
Box 515,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of 17th inst., I thank you for the copy of the chart, which I have examined with interest.

Referring to my statement that the original Newcomer was Wolfgang, there is apparently no discrepancy, for you will notice that I stated he came over with his parents and consequently this agrees with your record that Peter was the first, coming over with his son, Wolfgang.

As to the source of my information regarding the arrival from Switzerland in 1720, I based this on some biographies of my father that were printed years ago. There was one giving the citizens of Baltimore, and another one the prominent men of Maryland, and it was from unofficial records of this sort that I secured what was published in my own account of my father.

Going back to Henry Newcomer, the father of John Newcomer, Henry married Elizabeth Funk, and they had nine children in all, as follows:

1 Sarah, married Henry Talley.
2 John, married Catherine, daughter of Samuel,
3 Michael, married [illegible],
4 Nancy, married Henry Rice.
5 Henry.
6 Barbara, married King.
7 Elizabeth, married [illegible] Keller,
8 Mary, married Samuel Dumont,
9 William.

John Newcomer (No.2 above) married, as stated, Catherine Newcomer and their children were:

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Died in Baltimore — 1 Elizabeth, married Lewis Ripple, — Mrs John N. Ripple (widow) Son, received children to live with Mrs Wade

" " " 2 Benjamin Franklin, married, (1) Amelia Louisa Ehlen – See below
(2) Sidonia Ayres Kemp
(widow of Morris Kemp)

Died at Beaver Creek Md 3 John Henry, married Ella O. Williams, Mrs W. H. Newcomer (widow) Son + children – Beaver Creek Md

" " " " 4 Alexander, died unmarried,

" " " " 5 William, married Elisa Witmer, (no children)

" " " " 6 Ellen, died unmarried.

" " " " 7 Mary, married Charles McCauley. – Mrs. Wm McCauley, Beaver Creek Md

Benjamin Franklin (No. 2 above) had no children by his second wife, but by the first there were seven, three of whom died in childhood. Those who grew up were:

Lives at 1306 N. Paul St. Baltimore Died in Baltimore — Mary Louise, married James M. Maslin (3 children)

Nannie, married Frederick Home Mack, (5 children, 4 living)

Lives at Boyce, Clark Co. Va — Hattie, married Henry B. Gilpin, (3 children)

" " 105 W. Lanvale St. Baltimore — Waldo, married Margaret Vanderpool (3 children).

In the above I have again for the purpose of avoiding complications stuck directly to the line leading down to myself, but if wanted can give you a record of the descendents of quite a number of the above, though not of all.

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The only person I recall who is really posted on these matters is the cousin to whom I referred in a previous letter, but she is in very bad health and I am not at all sure she would care to undertake any correspondence on the subject. I will, however, write to her and give her your address, and if she feels fit for it, she will doubtless communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

Waldo Newcomer

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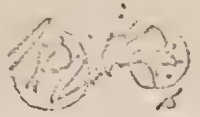

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Peter Newcomer
of Peacock Twp Lancaster Co Pa
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before Hance Murchman & Simon Hay
Jan. 29, 1732/3.

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John Newcomer
eldest son -
died prior to Aug 25 1760
when Hans Conrad Lud 107¾ A
which he had purchased
of Marcus Hendley May 2, 1729
by his son Abraham -
as deeds -

Woolfgang Newcomer
"middle Son"
m Elizabeth Weitler
He died Peacock Twp Lancaster Co Pa
Meh 1771
as will

Probably other children

Above locations surveyed
in Lancaster Co. Penna.
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Bucks Co. Penna.
January 1910.

Christian Newcomer
m. Anna Summy
Catharine Newcomer
nee m.

John Newcomer
m Elizabeth ——— (m. Elizabeth Socanaur
dau. of Jacob & Mary Elizabeth Socanaur of
Hempfield Township Lancaster Co Penn ?)

Wendel Newcomer
will dated Sept 18, 1793
Probate Sept 27, 1794
names only as children

Abraham Newcomer Old Landholder Map No 2
Extensive Surveyor 5 Sept 1759 Lancaster Co 1776 Tax Pa.
m Anna Barr
Conrad Christopher 1759
Conrad died Oct 16, 1769

Anna Newcomer
m Peter Hoffman
prior to 1769

Magdalena Newcomer
m. Peter Bernard (Barnhart)
prior to 1769

Barbara Newcomer
m Abm Breneman
Prior to 1769

Henry Newcomer, m. Barbara Barner, had 12 children
Christian Newcomer
m Elizabeth Ball Twp Lancaster Co. Pa
dau Andrew Barr
Barbara Newcomer

Peter Newcomer
Elizabeth Newcomer
Anna Newcomer

Magdalena Newcomer

Christian Newcomer

Barbara Newcomer

Elizabeth Newcomer
b. 1757 d. 1852 at Hanover Pa
m Joseph McElhenny
(See McElhenny Chart)

Nancy Newcomer
b. 1758 d.
m John McElhenny

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Following material was compiled by Jerome Keahr Huddle, attached to Office of the Counselor, Department of State, Washington, D.C., in, or prior to, year Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (1916), according to attached copy of his letter of October Thirty-First, Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (10-31-1916), written then in Washington, D.C to Robert Long Brownfield, Junior, descendant of following described Peter New Komats, later changed by descendants to spelling of Newcomer. For his and descendant's additional data see Card Index Files in Genealogical Department, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., under heading of, - "Newcomer, etc." These records refer to histories and charts that were collected and compiled by Warren S. Ely, Librarian and Historian of Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, about Nineteen Hundred Nine (1909), also by Robert Long Brownfield, Junior, and in years Nineteen Hundred Fifty Three (1953) and Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Four (1954) were presented to Genealogical Department, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. by him. These records refer to the two (2) daughters of Peter Komats, who married the McIlhenny brothers who lived in or near to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; each of these families had eight (8) children; they all lived in Hagerstown, Maryland, and they have many descendants. In letter by Jerome Keahr Huddle is reference to "Mr. Newcomer at Baltimore", and that is Waldo Newcomer. In second paragraph reference is made to the "Journal", and that is a book, printed in Eighteen Hundred Thirty-Three (1833), being a copy of a written, prepared, and weekly diary by Bishop Christian Newcomer, entitled "Life of Reverend Christian Newcomer, Seventeen Hundred Forty-Nine (1749) - Eighteen Hundred Thirty (1830), printed in Eighteen Hundred Thirty-Three (1833)". He was Bishop in the "United Breatherns In Christ" religious faith. This is a detailed account of his family, relatives, and travels into Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, for religious purposes, etc. Copy of this book was presented to Genealogical Department, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. in the year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Four (1954) by above Robert Long Brownfield, Junior, and is recorded in Card Index File by heading, - "Newcomer, etc." In third paragraph of first letter reference is made to additional Newcomer genealogical history, charts, etc., which unfortunately, were never completed, as explained in Jerome Keahr Huddle's letter attached of December Fourteenth, Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Four (12-14-1954). Peter New Komats' Last Will and Testament is attached. It is recorded in Court House, Lancaster County, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
Copy: Department of State, Office of the Counselor, Washington, D.C., October Thirty-First, Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (10-31-1916). R. L. Brownfield, Esquire, Atlantic City, New Jersey. My dear Mr. Brownfield: Replying to your letter of October Twenty-Seventh, Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (10-27-1916), I am enclosing a copy of a digest of information which I have scraped together regarding the colonial history of the Newcomer family. I recently sent a duplicate of this matter to Mr. Newcomer at Baltimore, and take pleasure in mailing you this. You need not bother about making a copy unless you prefer to do so for conformity with your own records, and may retain the papers enclosed, if you desire to do so. I have not been able to do anything with my work on the Journal for the past couple of days, but as soon as I have completed it, I will send you a copy of the digest. It is a considerable job, and the matter will cover forty (40) or fifty (50) type-written pages single space. In going over the book, I found it of much interest intrinsically, and inasmuch as I probably never will be able to obtain a copy, I deemed it wise to edit it generally. The Journal was published in Eighteen Hundred Thirty-Five (1835), at Hagerstown, Maryland, five (5) years after the death of the author, Christian Newcomer, and covers the last thirty-five (35) years of his life. I am anxious to complete my work on it from the notes which I made in my examination, so I will probably be able to show you the results in a week or ten (10) days. I think from them you will be able to get a fair idea of the author, his life, work, family, etc., as well as a glimpse of the "old-time" religion. At my earliest opportunity, I will also prepare and send you genealogical charts of our branches of the family, similar in form to the one which you sent to Mr. Newcomer. I think we have a very fair idea of the family, now, and I am pleased to have established definitely the line back to the first immigrants. I am yet in hopes of obtaining something further accurate and definite concerning Peter Newcomer(Neukommer or New Komet, which is Swiss, I suppose) and the Hance Neukommer, whose name parallels the name of Peter in Pennsylvania's early history. Probably they were brothers. Cordially yours, J. Keahr Huddle. Copy.
Copy: Washington, D.C., December Fourteenth, Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Four (12-14-1954). To Robert Long Brownfield, Junior; It was indeed a pleasure to hear from you after so many years. I am glad that you are depositing the genealogical information which you have collected with the Library of Congress. It has been about fifteen (15) years since I last looked in at the genealogical section there, but even then it had improved a great deal over what it had been in Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (1916) and Nineteen Hundred Seventeen (1917)

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when I first visited it. The data which you have been able to supply will I am sure enrich greatly the sources of information regarding the families in which you are interested and should help future researchers in due measure. I discontinued genealogical research at about the same time you finished your inquiries apparently. The intervention of the first World War and the developments thereafter took me to Europe and I have since spent most of the years in wandering from one part of the world to another. During the second World War I was in Switzerland, with Mrs. Huddle, but our daughter remained in the United States to finish her collegiate work, after which she was in the War Department for a time. Following the war I returned to the United States for a time then in 1947 (Nineteen Hundred Forty-Seven) went to Burma as American Ambassador. After a couple of years there and in India and Pakistan (the latter two (2) countries occupying me on assignment with the United Nations) I retired in Nineteen Hundred Fifty (1950) and for the time being am residing with my wife here in Washington. I have regretted that when in Europe I was not in a position, either with time or money, to do some American family research there. Moreover the times for the most part were not propitious. I am sorry therefore that I have nothing further to contribute at the present time. But assure you that if anything should come to hand in the future, I shall be glad to inform you. With all the greetings of the season, I am, Sincerely yours, J. Keahr Huddle. Copy.

Copy: The Will of the above Peter New Komats, as he then spelled his name, is recorded in Lancaster City, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and its copy is: January Twenty-Ninth, Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Two (January 29th, 1732), Lancaster County, in the Township of Leacock. Peter Newcomats Last Will and Testament, which he hath ordered before witnesses, viz. Hance Muselman and Simeon King, This is mine (Peter Newcomats) last will and testament to my children: 1. It is my will that my midle son Woolfgang Newcomat shall have the right or the place plantation and lands made over to him by me, haveing so much confidence of the goodness of my aforesd son Woolfgang that I am certain he will help raise his younger Brothers and Sisters; 2. Peter Newcomat will as followeth viz: That the plantation shall be praised and valued by the Elders of the Meeting of ye Manonost; 3. I Peter Newcomat will again viz: That what effects is found in my dwelling house or plantation or Else where I gives it Equally amongst my Children, share and share alike; 4. I Peter Newcomat will also again, That when the aforesaid Effects is equally divided amongst my aforesaid Children, it shall be at the Judgment of the Elders of Manonost Meeting of the equally and reasonableness of the shareing of it, and likewise a reasonable time of receiving it or the value thereof in our currency as the aforesd Elders shall see meet. When the aforesaid will was made he was of sound mind memory and understanding before us as Witnesses.

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Simeon King

Vera copy from the Dutch. On the third (3rd) day of February, Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Three (1733), the above will was probated in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania as written in "High Dutch". Copy.

Following was collected and compiled by Jerome Keahr Huddle according to his above letter:

IMMIGRATION RECORDS of the FIRST NEWCOMER FAMILIES IN AMERICA. Many of The Newcomer families of Washington County, Maryland, trace their descent from one Wolfgang Newcomer, who is variously stated to have immigrated to this country with his parents in the early part of the eighteenth century. Some statements make the date about Seventeen Hundred Twenty (1720), while others put it as late as Seventeen Hundred Forty-Nine (1749) and Seventeen Hundred Sixty-Three (1763). Wolfgang Newcomer is said to have lived first in Philadelphia, then to have removed to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he plied his trade as carpenter. He had three (3) sons, HENRY, CHRISTIAN and PETER, who removed to Washington County, Maryland, it would appear about the time of the Revolutionary War. (See Census Records). The immigration records of this family do not contain the name of Wolfgang Newcomer. The only instance of his name occurring in the Provincial Records of Pennsylvania is in Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Eight (1738). (See Provincial and Colonial Records.) I am inclined to the belief, therefore, that he was the son of PETER NEUKOMER, who is listed in old records (Rupp. 30,000 Names etc.) as a resident of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the year Seventeen Hundred Twenty (1720). PETER NEWCOMER also resided in Lancaster County in Seventeen Hundred Nineteen (1719). An earlier list, however, published in Seventeen Hundred Twelve (1712) does not include his name. The second great immigration of Swiss immigrants, mostly Mennonites, from the mother country to Pennsylvania, took place about Seventeen Hundred Seventeen (1717). It is reasonable to assume therefore that Peter Newcomer entered the country at that time. However early township and county records also have the name of HANCE NEWCOMER. As Wolfgang Newcomer is definitely known to have been in the United States in Seventeen Hundred Thirty-Eight (1738), and in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, it is plausible to assume that he was the son of one of the

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aforementioned, preferably the former, from the fact that one of his sons was named PETER. Immigrants from this family, arriving at later dates, are listed as follows, in the Pennsylvania Archives and Colonial Records:- Palatines imported on the Ship MORTONHOUSE, John Coultas, Master, from Deal, August 24, 1728, - JOHANNES NAYCOMMET. Palatines imported on the Ship Francis and Elizabeth, George North, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal, September 21, 1742, - CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER and CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER, JR. Palatines imported on the Ship BROTHERHOOD, John Thompson, Capt., from Rotterdam, November 3, 1750, - CHRISTIAN NEUKOMMER. Palatines imported on the Ship PHOENIX, Captain Spurrier, from Rotterdam, October 1, 1754;- ULRICH NEWCOMER and CHRISTIAN NEYCOMER.

(NOTE - The frequency of the occurrence of the name, Christian Newcomer, in the records of arrivals, and the periodical regularity of the entries, suggests the possibility that Christian Newcomer, either Senior or Junior, was making trips back to Europe. It is unlikely that so many Christian Newcomers came to America in so short a period of time. The theory would seem plausible that this Christian Newcomer was a sort of Agent, carrying reports from the Mennonite Colony in Pennsylvania, and possibly urging further immigration to that colony upon the persecuted members of the Mennonite faith in Switzerland and the Palatinate.)

CENSUS RECORDS FOLLOW:

In a speech before the House of Representatives in the spring of 1916, Representative Joseph Cannon, of Illinois, discussing hyphenated Americans and kindred subjects, spoke in part, as follows: "Who are the native Americans?" "I have for years tried to find the native element in our population. I recently turned to a report of the Census Office under the title of "A Century of Population Growth", in which is given a list of the family names which appeared in the first census of 1790." "This does not give all the names of the more than 3,000,000 people then living in the United States, but it does pretend to give all the family names that represented 100 or more persons, on the assumption that the 'heads of families' in 1790 were the founders of the Republic, and that these names, numbering 27,337, would be the basis for our American genealogy." "There were then 3,172,444 white people in the United States, and less than 30,000 family names. These were the native whites in this country when the Constitution was adopted and Washington became the first President." "How many of us can trace our lineage back to those first American families, and how many of us are compelled to trace our lineage back to the alien immigrant! I tried to trace the membership of this House back to that American Almanac de Gotha, and I could not locate one-third of you!" "A Century of Population Growth" mentioned by Mr. Cannon is summarized as follows, relative to the Newcomer Family: SPELLING of the name:-Newcomer, Newcumber, Newcumer, Newkomer, Nicomer, Niewcomer; AVERAGE SIZE of family 6.9; HEADS of families 30; HEADS of families in Pennsylvania 25; HEADS of families in Maryland 5; ALL other Members - 176. The Census Records (1790) of the Necomer family in Maryland, Washington County, correspond nicely with the story of the family as handed down. The two heads of families named are PETER and HENRY, two sons of Wolfgang Newcomer, formerly of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (Christian, being an itinerant Bishop in either the United Brethren or German Reformed Church). "Heads of Families in Washington County, Maryland, 1790" lists the following:- NEWCOMER, PETER. - Free white males under 16 years 4; free white males above 16 years including heads of families 2; free white females including heads of families 2. NEWCOMER, HENRY. - Free white males under 16 years - 5; free white males above 16 years including heads of families - 4; free white females including heads of families - 5. ADDENDUM: To the list of Newcomers, who resided in Washington County, Maryland, in 1790, and were listed in the census taken by the Government in that year, should be added the name of Christian Newcomer. This was Bishop Christian Newcomer, a minister and Bishop of the United Brethren Church, associated with Otterbein and Geeting, as one of the founders of that denomination. The name is spelled Nicomer in the census list. The statistics for his family are as follows: NICOMER, CHRISTIAN, - Free white males under sixteen years - 3; free white males above sixteen years including heads of families - 3; free white females, including heads of families - 2. Total 8. This enumeration accounts for all the members of the Newcomer family in the United States who are listed in the above mentioned Census Records. The number of members of the family above is greater by two males than the family was in 1795, there being in that year only three (3) sons. In all probability there is an error in the figures, or the sons died in the intervening five years. There was only one daughter, Elizabeth.

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complete copy of the personally written diary of the life of this Bishop hristian Newcomer of the "United Brethorns in Christ" denomination, was eposited in the Genealogical Department, Library of Congress, Washington, .C. by Robert L. Brownfield, Junior, in the year Nineteen Hundred Fifty- our (1954) and is listed there in the Index Card File under two (2) cards: Newcomer, Bishop Christian, 1749-1830, etc.", as he was the author, and Life of Reverend Christian Newcomer, 1749-1830, etc.", as that is the title f this book. It contains an account of his travels and ministerial duties f many years in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, together with much of his amily genealogical records.

CENSUS RECORDS IN FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND:

EWCOMER, SAMUEL, - Free white males above 16 years including heads of amilies - 2; free white males under 16 years - 2; free white females including eads of families - 6. NEWCOMER, WILLIAM, - Free white males above 16 years ncluding heads of families - 1; free white males under 16 years - 5; free hite females including heads of families - 2; All other persons - 2.

he following is a summary of the Pennsylvania Newcomers as contained in the ensus above referred to for that State:

"Heads of families in Pennsylvania, 1790". (Newcomer.)

		1	2	3	4	5
ANCASTER COUNTY.						
onestoga Twp.	Christ.	4	4	6	-	-
anor Twp.	Christian	1	1	5	-	-
	Jacob	3	3	4	-	-
empfield Twp.	John	3	1	3	-	-
	(Widow)	1?	1	5	-	-
ERKS COUNTY.						
ethel Twp.	Peter	1	3	3	-	-
	Christian	2	1	3	-	-
ORK COUNTY.						
odorus Twp.	Emanuell	1	-	1	2	-
	Jacob	1	2	3	-	-
ORTHAMPTON COUNTY.						
pper Saucon Twp.	John	2	-	2	-	-
	Johan	3	4	4	-	-
	Philip	1	3	3	-	-
EDFORD COUNTY.						
	John Newcumer	1	2	5	-	-
RANKLIN COUNTY.						
	Peter Newcumber	1	4	6	-	-
ORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.						
	Peter	1	1	5	-	-
AUPHIN COUNTY.						
	Jacob	1	1	4	-	-
UNTINGDON COUNTY.						
	Christifor	1	1	3	-	-
ORK COUNTY.						
allem Twp.	Niewcomer, Ulrigh	1	-	2	-	-
do	Christian	1	2	5	-	-
do	(Widdow)	-	-	3	-	-
do	John	3	1	2	2	-
do	Christian	1	3	2	-	-
arrington Twp.	do Christian	2	-	2	-	-

NOTE)
olumn 1 - Free white males above 16 years, including heads of families.
olumn 2 - Free white males under 16.
olumn 3 - Free white females including heads of families.
olumn 4 - All other persons.
olumn 5 - Slaves.

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REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS FOLLOW:

PETER NEWCOMER, - Received depreciation pay as a member of the Northampton County Militia. Received pay, according to Manuscript Records, as soldier of Revolution, under neither date nor title, except, "Rangers on the Frontier", 1778 - 1783. In Captain Daniel Clapsaddle's company, First Battalion, Cumberland County, third class private. August 20, 1780. In Captain Daniel Clapsaddle's company, First battalion, Cumberland County. Private, third class. July 28, 1781. PHILIP NEWCOMER, - Private, received pay, depreciation, as a member of the Northampton County militia. Private, Continental Line, Soldiers of the Revolution. Private, 6th Class, 4th Battalion, Northampton County militia, under Phi Boehm, Esq'r, 5th Company. JACOB NEWCOMER, - Private, York County militia. Private, 2d Battalion, 3d Company, Captain Caspar Stoever, (4th Class). Lancaster County. Private, 5th Company, Captain Alex. Scott, 1781 and 1782. (7th class.) Lancaster County. The following enlisted from Lancaster County: CHRISTOPHER NEWCOMER:- Roll of Captain James Ross's Company. Arrived in camp at Cambridge, August 18, 1775. Company rolls of May 14, 1776. CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER, - Private, 2d class, 4th Company, 4th Battalion, Capt. Bornhardt Mann. May 25, 1782. Private, 2d Class, 7th Company, 4th Battalion, Capt. James Patten. June 15, 1782. Private, 6th class, Company not given, 4th Battalion. Capt. Philip Baker, December 10, 1782. Private, 1st Class, 5th Company, 4th Battalion, Capt. Alex Scott. 1781. (Junior) Private, 1st Class, 5th Company, 4th Battalion, Capt. Alex Scott, May 25, 1782. JONAS NEWCOMER:- Private, 5th class, Capt. Jacob Metzger's Company, 4th Battalion. August 10, 1782. JOHN NEWCOMER (All in 4th Battalion.):- Private, 1st class, 7th Company, Capt. Ludwig Meyer. Private, 1st Class, 7th Company, Capt. James Patten, June 15, 1782. Private, 5th Class, 5th Company, Capt. Alex. Scott. 1781. Private, 6th Class, 5th Company, Capt. Alex Scott. 1781. Private, 6th Class, 5th Company, Capt. Alex. Scott, May 25, 1782. Captain Brand's Company, of the lower part of Manor Twp., November, 1780. JOHN NEWCOMER, Weaver:- Private, 2d class, 5th Company, Capt. Alex. Scott, May 25, 1782. JOHN NEWCOMER, Stiller:- Private, 6th Class, 5th Company, Capt. Alex. Scott, May 25, 1782. JOHN NEWCOMER:- Private, 7th Class, Capt. Phi Boehm's Company,

MISCELLANEOUS COLONIAL AND PROVINCIAL RECORDS FOLLOW:

1718 - The assessment list of Conestoga Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, then Chester County, contains the name - HANCE NEWCOMER.
1719 - PETER NEUKOMMER is noted as a settler in Lancaster County.
1724 - 1725 - HANCE NEWCOMER and PETER NEWCOMER are listed in assessment rolls for Conestoga Township.
1738 - WOLFGANG NEWCOMER. The following is from the Colonial Records, pertaining to land grants by the Penn family. 'Himself' refers to Thomas Penn. "Attended at the Prop'rs the 26th X'br: 1738 himself present. Signed the following warrants (viz):
To WOLF NEWCOMMER for 100 acres in Leacock Township, Lancaster County X-1:1738."
-- Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Vol. I. Minute Book "K".
(Note - "Prop'rs is Proprietor's and has reference to Thomas Penn. 26th X'br is October 26. X:1:1738 is October 1, 1738. Emigrants from the north of Ireland appear to have been the first settlers of Leacock Township, chiefly. At a later date, emigrants from other parts of Europe or the descendents of such, being chiefly Germans or Swiss, settled in the Township. The boundaries of land sold were not stated in such a manner as to be able to be applied to present conditions there. It is difficult to know with certainty in what particular patented tract the smaller pieces and parcels of land were originally included. This is the only record of WOLFGANG NEWCOMER which I have been able thus far to find. It is therefore of much interest.)
1749 - CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER, second son of WOLFGANG, born.
1750 - (circa) John Brubaker, son to one of the first settlers in Conestoga Township, married MARIA NEWCOMER, probably prior to 1750.
1758 - Assessment list of Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, lists Jacob Newcomer in tenables and John Newcomer as freeman.
1767 - John Newcomer purchased 165 acres of land in Manor Township, Lancaster County.
1771 - Abraham Newcomer, Overseer of the Poor, Conestoga,Twp.
1774 - [illegible], Auditor, Conestoga Township.

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MISCELLANEOUS/RECORDS CONTINUED

1776 - Male residents of Conestoga Township, between the ages of 16 and 50 - Christian Newcomer and Ulrich Newcomer. (Here without doubt are the two immigrants of 1738. It will be noted that Abraham is not listed though a resident of Conestoga Township. He was therefore more than fifty years of age.)

The author hereof, Jerome Kohr Huddle, in Washington, D.C. in year Nineteen Hundred Sixteen (1916), made following comment: "My assumption here is apparently wrong. Christian and Ulrich Newcomer were the two sons to John Newcomer, as mentioned in your chart. The name Ulrich is written Woolrick on the chart. The immigrants to which I make reference doubtless settled in York County (See 1790 Census Records, herewith). I cannot however reconcile the date of Abraham's birth with the fact that his name does not appear in the list of Conestoga males between 16 and 50 years of age. If born about 1740, as the chart indicates, he would have been about 35 or 36 when the enumeration was made. This enumeration was probably taken for the purpose of providing recruits for the Revolutionary War. Also, to be over-seer of the poor at only 31 (1771) and Auditor at 34 would appear a little unusual. Yet, if he had been over 50 in 1776 as my records would seem to indicate, his birth would seem to have occurred prior to 1726. This does not seem probable in view of the dates given on the chart. Another point of interest is, that with his wife, Abraham conveyed land in 1759. He was then, if born in 1740, nineteen years of age, and she, if born in 1744, was fifteen. Their first child, Christina, appears to have been born about 1775, which would be sixteen years after their marriage, which according to the above relative to the sale of land, must have occurred prior to 1759. One other point - Nancy Newcomer, born in 1779, and Elizabeth Newcomer, born in 1781, were married to the McIlhenny brothers in Eighteen Hundred Three (1803), dates given as approximate. Relative to these marriages, the chart states, "Nancy's father had a farm and upon her marriage, she received $5,000 from him." The same was true for Elizabeth. Now, the Abraham Newcomer mentioned in the chart as their father, is said thereon to have died prior to Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Four (1794), in which year his will was proved. There seems to be a discrepancy here. If the father of Elizabeth and Nancy gave them money in Eighteen Hundred Three (1803), he was not Abraham,-- unless the money was conveyed by the will of Seventeen Hundred Ninety-Four (1794), which is hardly probable, nor does the chart so indicate? Could Nancy, Elizabeth, Barbara and Christiana have been children to Christian, the son of Abraham, who it is said on the chart is mentioned in Abraham's will? The Seventeen Hundred Ninety (1790) census gives for the family of CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER, of Manor Township - himself, one son under sixteen, his wife and four daughters. Mr. Huddle further continues: Could John Newcomer, father of Abraham, according to the chart, have been born prior to Seventeen Hundred Five (1705) and thus have been the Hance mentioned in my records? The above suggestions are made not in a spirit of criticism of the chart, but rather as indicating means of reconciling the records which I have compiled, with those of Mr. Ely. I should be very glad to hear what you think about the matters mentioned." This genealogical chart referred to, and other material of the Newcomer family of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, are deposited in the Genealogical Department of Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., under Index Card of "Newcomer, etc." This chart and other Newcomer charts were prepared by Warren S. Ely, Librarian, Genealogist and Historian of Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, about Nineteen Hundred Ten (1910), upon request by Robert L. Brownfield, Junior.

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1776 - Abraham Newcomer, Auditor, Conestoga Township.
1780 - Abraham Newcomer, Auditor, Conestoga Township.
1780 - Tax Ables of Conestoga Township:
Ulrich Newcomer - 1 horse, 2 cows: total value, 250 pounds.
Abram Newcomer - 200 acres, valued at 3,000 pounds, 3 horses at 300 pounds; 2 cows at 200 pounds.
John, son of Hans Peter Sunny, Sr., married Anna Newcomer about Seventy-six Hundred Eighty (1780), in East Hempfield Township, Seventeen Hundred Seventy (1770 ?)
Assessment list for Manor Township notes: Christian Newcomet, John Newcomet, Weaver.
1781 - Abraham Newcomer, Auditor, Conestoga Township.

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1788 - Abraham Newcomer, Auditor, Conestoga Township. (Note - It is possible that the "Widow" Newcomer, of Hempfield Township, in the census of Seventeen Hundred Ninety (1790), was the wife of Abraham Newcomer, whose name is not seen after Seventeen Hundred Eighty-Five (1785), and who may have died during the intervening five years.)

1790 - At a meeting at the Surveyor General's, Sixth (6) December, Seventeen Hundred Ninety (1790).

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On hearing the parties it appears that both parties have warrants and Improvements which interfere with each other, though Newcomer's Improvement is the oldest and Cowans Warrant is the oldest.

Therefore it is agreed by the parties and directed by the Board that the Surveyor of the District and Thomas Coulter, Esq'r, and Jacob Neff shall lay out a tract for each in the most convenient manner, with as little prejudice as possible to the older improvement of Newcomer and return a draught in the first Monday in June next.

1791 - At a meeting of the Surveyor General's, the Sixth (6th) June, Seventeen Hundred Ninety-One (1791).

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It appearing that the Surveys of the said parties are made and returns agreeable to their consent, therefore the same are established and patents allowed.

For additional data of Newcomer families, descendants, etc., see Card Index files under "Newcomer, etc." in Genealogical Department, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Data is expected to be also deposited in Genealogical Library, Daughters of American Revolution, Washington, D.C., Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Department of Public Instruction, State Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago, Illinois.

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